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COMMITTEE - STANDARDS OF CONDUCT ISSUE

REF: (A) DODD 5500.7 OF 15 JAN 77, "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT";
(B) STATE 078689 DTG 272248ZMAR78 (NOTAL).

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE EXPLAINS POTENTIAL STANDARDS OF CON-
DUCT (GRATUITIES) ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NMPA STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING 11 MAY 78 AND THE APPLICABLE EXCEPTIONS
IN REF (A), AND REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION.
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE BY OOB 18 APR 78. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF THE NEXT NMPA MEETING
IN FRIEDRICKSHAFEN, FRG, VIA AGENDA CD (78)A/2 AND A LETTER
FROM THE NMPA STEERING COMMITTEE (NMPA/SC) SECRETARY. THE
BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED 0900-1200, 11 MAY 78.
HOWEVER, IN HONOR OF THE DEPARTING CHAIRMAN OF THE NMPA/SC,
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THE DORNIER AIRCRAFT COMPANY IS HOSTING A RECEPTION AND
DINNER THE EVENING OF 10 MAY, AND A LUNCH ON 11 MAY. DUR-
ING THE AFTERNOON OF 11 MAY, THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF THE
DORNIER DEVELOPMENT LABORATORIES. DORNIER IS ALSO PROVIDING
TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT/RAILWAY STATION, DORNIER
AND HOTELS.

2. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OF REF (A) ARE APPLICABLE:

III.B, IV.C & D, VI. D & F, VIII. A, VIII.B.1 (ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY) VIII.C.10, 12 & 13, VIII.D.

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3. REF (B) DIRECTED CONTINUED US PARTICIPATION IN NMPA/SC BECAUSE THAT GROUP WILL DISCUSS "MODERNIZATION AND ATLANTIC NEW GENERATION", AND BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE CONNOTATION WHICH MAY BE ATTACHED TO FORMALLY DROPPING OUT OF A NATO STEERING COMMITTEE. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO THE US GOVERNMENT, THE OTHER NMPA/SC REPRESENTATIVES OR DORNIER, IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE US GOVERNMENT FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION, DINNER AND LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE OUTGOING NMPA/SC CHAIRMAN, HOSTED BY DORNIER.

4. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR MISSION TO PROVIDE THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NMPA/SC MEETING, 10-11 MAY 1978, IN FRIEDRICKSHAFEN, FRG, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES. WE MUST NOTIFY DORNIER BY 18 APRIL 1978. REQUEST GUIDANCE BY OOB 18 APRIL.

5. TDY FUNDS WILL PROVIDE TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER MEALS, AND WE WILL COMPLY WITH PARA VIII.D OF REF (A). GLITMAN
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